



ADAPTATION FUND

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Adaptation Fund Board
Project and Programme Review Committee
Twenty-eighth Meeting
Bonn, Germany (virtual), 11-13 October 2021

Agenda Item 9 a)

**PROJECT FORMULATION ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR
BELIZE**

I. Background

1. The Board at its twenty-second meeting, in decision B.22/24, approved the document AFB/B.22/6 which included, in the options for the Readiness Programme, grants for Project Formulation Assistance (PFA) which would provide support for project formulation to accredited National Implementing Entities (NIEs) in addition to Project Formulation Grants (PFGs). NIEs that are at the concept development stage of the Fund's project cycle process have the option to request a PFG up to a maximum of US\$30,000 together with their submission of the project concept to the Board. To compliment the PFG and support the undertaking of specialist technical assessments during project preparation and design, the PFA grant is available for each accredited NIE up to a maximum of US\$20,000 per project and can be accessed by submitting a request to the Board through the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat.

2. In July 2018, the Fund's Readiness Programme launched a call for PFA grants, which is open throughout the year and does not close. In the call, the Board is inviting accredited NIEs that are going through the 2-step project approval process to apply for a PFA grant to strengthen their capacity to undertake the necessary technical assessments related to the design and development of adaptation projects and programmes. The PFA grants are meant to help NIEs undertake specific technical assessments such as environmental impact assessments and vulnerability assessments to comply with the Fund's Environmental and Social Policy (approved 2013, amended 2016) and Gender Policy (approved 2016). The PFA grant is meant to support, among other areas, the following types of assessments

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Vulnerability Assessment (VA)
- Risk Assessment
- Other Environmental and Social Assessments for adaptation projects

II. The Project Formulation Assistance Grant Request

3. This addendum to the document AFB/PPRC.28.32 "Proposal for Belize" includes a request for a Project Formulation Assistance Grant, requesting a budget of US\$ 20,000 which was received by the secretariat along with the concept for the project AF00000258 "*Securing Water Resources through Solar Energy and Innovative Adaptive Management (SEAM)*". This proposal was submitted by *Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT)*, which is a National Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, in time for consideration by the Adaptation Fund Board at its thirty-seventh Board meeting.

4. In accordance with Decision B.22/24, the secretariat carried out an initial review of the PFA request and found that the document provided detailed information on the use of the requested funds. The proposed activities were aligned with the goal of the project and would support a gender assessment and a social assessment -indigenous peoples.

5. Therefore, the PPRC may want to consider and recommend to the Board to approve the PFA Grant Request, provided that the related concept is endorsed.



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Request for Project Formulation Assistance to undertake special technical assessments

Submission Date: 4th August 2021

Adaptation Fund Grant ID:

Country: **Belize**Title of Project/Programme: **Securing Water Resources through Solar Energy and Innovative Adaptive Management**Implementing Entity: **Protected Areas Conservation Trust**Executing Entity/ies: **Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government****A. Timeframe of Activity**

Expected start date of activity	March 2022
Completion date of activity	December 2022

B. Type of support requested

Describe the technical assessment(s) the implementing entity will undertake to support the design and development of adaptation projects and programmes


Type of Technical Assessment requested*	Duration (months)	Type/name of provider for the requested support ¹	Requested budget (USD)
Gender Assessment	5	Consulting Firm	9,000
Social Assessment - Indigenous Peoples	5	Consulting Firm	9,500
Management Fee			\$1,500
Total Grant Requested (USD)			\$20,000

*Footnote: *Technical assistance could include EIA, VA, technical studies, gender assessment etc.*

¹ Specify if it is an institution, consulting firm or individual consultant. When possible, provide the name of the institution, firm or individual identified or selected.



C. Implementing Entity

This request has been prepared in accordance with the Adaptation Fund Board's procedures

Head of Implementing Entity	Signature	Date (Month, day, year)	Implementing Entity Contact Person	Telephone	Email Address
Mrs. Nayari Diaz-Perez		07/15/21	Denaie Swasey	(501) 822-3637	cc.techofficer@pactbelize.org

D. Record of endorsement on behalf of the government

Provide the name and position of the government official, Designated Authority of the Adaptation Fund, and indicate date of endorsement. The endorsement letter must be attached as an annex to the request.

  <p>Mr. Joseph Waight Financial Secretary Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>19/7/2021</p>
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